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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Natarajan, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/694,843

Filed: October 23, 2000

Confirmation No.: 1015

Group Art Unit: 2153

Examiner: **Bradley E. Edelman**

HP Docket No. 10004526-1

TKHR Docket No. 050817-1870

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING PROBABLE NETWORK  
PATHS BETWEEN NODES IN A NETWORK TOPOLOGY**

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *July 8, 2004* (Paper No. 11) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claim 14 is amended and claims 9 and 13 are canceled. Claims 1-8, 14 and 16-18 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: 10/08/2004

Typed Name: Marianne Boland

Signature: Marianne Boland

Respectfully submitted,

Natarajan, et al.

By Raymond W. Armentrout

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Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 45,866

Date: 10/08/2004